Sinclair Broadcasting's propaganda war with the anti-Kerry documentary shows why media consolidation is harmful to the American people.

Media outlets like Sinclair that use the free public airwaves have a legal duty to serve the public by not using their power to partisan political ends. Control of the airwaves by big corporations hurts the American people's access to unbiased information. Sinclair is using its airwaves, and the public trust given to them, to its own political and financial ends.

The FCC should strengthen rules about the ownership and control of media, should increase access to the airwaves, and foster media that bolsters, not destroys,

democracy.